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In re Patent Application of:  
Hironari Akashi et al.

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For: HERMETIC COMPRESSOR

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.